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More fertilizer was used on American farms, gardens, and lawns in 1950-51 than in any previous year on record. Consumption in 1950-51 of 20,988,740 tons was 14 percent more than last year and almost 3 times greater than before World War II, the Department of Agriculture reports.

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"The American heritage of economic freedom - so far as agriculture is concerned - is summed up in the sound farm programs we have today for the benefit of agriculture and the whole country..." Clarence J. McCormick, Under Secretary of Agriculture.

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Grain and grain products exports totaled 664 million bushels from July 1951-June 1952. Exports during the like period 1950-51 totaled 611 million bushels, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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The U. S. lamb crop for 1952 totaled 18,401,000 head, 2 percent larger than 1951. However, the lamb crop is still 37 percent below the 10-year average and only 3 percent above the 1950 low, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

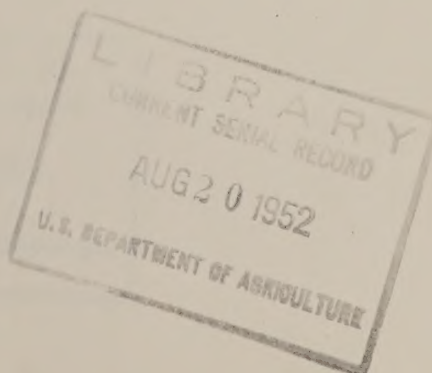
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The 1953 Farm Land Restoration Program, a program for the repair of damage caused by 1952 floodwaters on farm lands, is available in eleven North Dakota counties. Congress has appropriated funds for the purpose of assisting in the repair of flood damage in order that the land may be restored to a productive state in the shortest time possible.

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"The main purpose of the Agricultural Conservation Program is to make sure that our farms will keep right on producing the food and fiber we need." Charley Mays, Director, ACP Branch, Production and Marketing Administration.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced publication of it's 1952 Year-book. The volume is entitled "Insects", and is designed to be a practical aid in identifying insects, making better use of the helpful ones, and controlling the pests that cause an estimated \$4 billion of damage each year.

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Forest fires in the U. S. in 1951 dropped 21 percent in number from 1950, the Forest Service reports.

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Grassland goals, a new phase of the over-all 1953 production goals program will be developed throughout the country by County Agricultural Mobilization Committees, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan has announced.

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Operation of the 1953 Agricultural Conservation Program will center around the on-the-farm visits of elected PMA community committeemen.

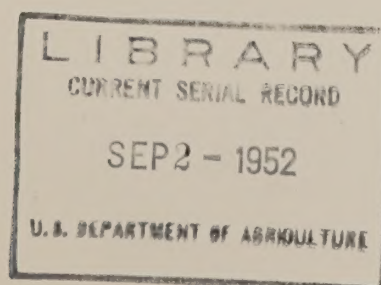
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The soil and water conservation practices which farmers are carrying out under the 1952 Agricultural Conservation Program will continue to save soil and water and increase farm production for years to come.

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Crop outlook in Canada for spring wheat, barley, fall and spring rye was better on June 30 than last year on the same date, according to a report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

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The amount of cold storage space we have to keep our reserve supplies of meat and frozen fruits and vegetables and other food in has been growing. The U. S. Department of Agriculture says it increased 10 million cubic feet from October 1949 to October 1951. The total space last October was 711 million cubic feet.

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The percentage of the United States farm labor force that is hired workers was less in the 1945-49 period than in any other five year period beginning with 1910-14, the Farm Credit Administration reports.

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Wool shorn and to be shorn this year is estimated at almost 230 million pounds, the Department of Agriculture reports. This is about 4 million pounds more than was shorn last year. However, production is about 23 percent below the 1941-50 average.

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The 1952 Agricultural Conservation Program will aim directly at the most needed conservation on individual farms. Program assistance will be used to help the individual farmer meet this need.

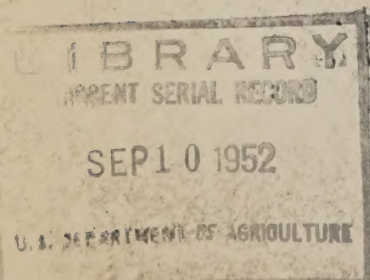
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Grass and legume seed stocks carried over from last year and in the hands of dealers on June 30 were smaller than last year for 22 of the 35 kinds reported on, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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The corn crop is now estimated at 3 billion 136 million bushels. That's down 229 million bushels below the July 1 forecast. Nearly two-thirds of this drop was in the southern drought area outside the Corn Belt, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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The number of milk cows in the U. S. dropped about 1 percent in the year ending in June to 21,581,000 head. The Great Plains and Central Corn Belt states lost the most, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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Farmers are raising a record crop of 58,956,000 turkeys this year, 13 percent more than last year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Looking ahead to the time when the local PMA community committeeman visits his farm, every farmer of North Dakota is urged to be thinking about the most urgent conservation needs of his farm and how he may use the limited assistance of the Agricultural Conservation Program to meet these needs.

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We are getting only about 25 percent of the real potential out of our pastures, range land, and meadows, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan said recently. Compared with advances made in other aspects of agriculture, our scientists say that we are about a quarter century behind in the development of our grassland, which is one of the great potentials for increased food production.

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Foods featured on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's "Plentiful" list for September include - Stewing chickens, turkeys, lettuce, locally grown vegetables, nonfat dry milk solids, cottage cheese, buttermilk, salad oils, vegetable shortening, and cooking and table fats.

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Complete information on price support loans, purchase agreements, and farm grain storage facility loans is available at local county PMA offices.

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